GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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TEA BOARD AND COFFEE BAORD
Krishnadas Shri N.N.

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Tea Board and Coffee Board are expanding their domestic market;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any proposal to declare tea and coffee as our national drinks for enhancing their domestic market;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) The details of annual tea and coffee domestic market for the last three years are as under:

Year	Tea(in million Kgs.)	Coffee(in metric Tonnes)
2002	693	68,000
2003	714	70,000
2004	735	75,000
2005	757	0,200

(c) No Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) In so far as coffee is concerned, there is no proposal for declaring coffee as a national drink. As regards Tea, a proposal to this effect was considered during the year 2004. However, the same was dropped in view of the objections raised by some State Governments.